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SUMMARY: IN CALL FOR EMERGENCY MEETING OF ISLAMIC FONMINS
IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 26 FONMIN KHADDAM, BY INFERENCE,
ASKED ISLAMIC STATES TO ACT ON PRIOR RESOLUTION CALLING FOR
EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. WHILE ISLAMIC FONMINS WILL
UNDOUBTEDLY RECONFIRM PRIOR COMMITMENT TO THIS GOAL, DO
NOT EXPECT SYRIA TO LEAD CONCERTED DRIVE TO EXPELL ISRAEL
DURING UNGA UNLESS IT IS CONVINCED US DOES NOT INEND TO
FOLLOW SCENARIO WHICH PROMISES REAL PROGRESS IN
NEGOTIAIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. TEXT OF SANA RELEASE AUGUST 23 DOES NOT CONTAIN CALL ON
32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO ADOPT RESOLUTION EXPELLING ISRAEL
FROM THE UN EXCEPT BY INFERENCE. TEXT OF KHADDAM LETTER TO
SECGEN OF ISLAMIC CONGRESS AS QUOTED BY SANA
INCLUDES STATEMENT "WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT
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BROTHERLY STATES WILL ADOPT ALL STEPS AND MEASURES TO
IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCES..."
SIXTH ISLAMIC CONFERENCE IN JIDDA CALLED FOR EXPULSION OF
ISRAEL FROM THE UNIED NATIONS AND ALL OTHER INERNAIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS. ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONFERENCE MAY 22,
1977 CONFIRMED THIS RESOLUTION.

3. ISLAMIC FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING SEPTEMBER 26 WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RECONFIRM PRIOR SIXTH CONFERENCE RESOLUTION RE EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM UN. WHETHER SYRIA PRESSES FOR IMPLEMENTATION THIS RESOLUTION IN 32ND UNGA WILL DEPEND ON SYRIAN PERCEPTION OF US INTENTION TO PROCEED WITH NEGOTIATING SEENARIO WHICH OFFERS REASONABLE CHANCE OF MOVING THE PEACE PROCESS FORWARD. IF, AFTER FONMIN KHADDAM'S MEETINGS IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON, SYRIA CONCLUDES WE ARE INCAPABLE OR UNWILLING TO MOVE PROCESS FORWARD WE BELIEVE IT WILL INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO ISOLATE ISRAEL INTERNATIONALLY. SYRIA WOULD TAKE THE LEAD IN SEEKING SOLID ARAB AND NON-ALIGNED BACKING TO ACCOMPLISH THIS GOAL WHICH IT WOULD PURSUE IN UNGA AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL FORA.

4. FULL TEXT EMBASSY TRANSLATION OF SANA AUGUST 23 RELEASE IN QUESTION FOLLOWS: "DAMASCUS--SANA--THE COUNTRY IS CONDUCTING WIDE-SCALE DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY IN PREPARATION FOR THE CONVENING OF THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO EXPLAIN THE DANGEROUS PHASE THE ARAB STRUGGLE IS CROSSING, WITH ISRAEL CONFIRMING ITS EXPANSIONIST AND AGGRESSIVE AMBITIONS, CLINGING TO THE OCCUPATION OF ARAB LAND, AND REFUSING TO IMPLEMEN RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION. MR. KHADDAM HAS ADDRESSED A LETTER TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONGRESS FOR THE CONVENING OF AN EMERGENCY MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ISLAMIC STATES IN NEW YORK

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ON SEPTEMBER 26. HE ALSO SENT A CABLE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SRI LANKA FOR THE CONVENING OF SIMILAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 27 FOR THE GROUP OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES, SINCE HE IS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP, IN ORDER TO DISCUSS ISRAEL'S INTRANSIGENCE AND ITS REFUSAL TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS REGARDING WITHDRAWAL FROM THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHTS OF HE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, AND O DISCUSS THE GRAVE SITUATION ARISING GROM MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ENEMY GOVERNMENT AIMED AT QNNEXING THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP TO THE ZIONIST ENTITY, AND TO PLACE THE INERNATIONAL COMMUNITY BEFORE ITS COMMITMENTS O ADOPT THE APPROPRIAE MEASURES TO PUT AN END TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB STATES.

"MR KHADDAM THEREBY ADDRESSED A LETTER YESTERDAY TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONGRESS IN JIDDA REQUESTING HIM TO INVITE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF ISLAMIC STATES TO CONVENEAN EMERGENCY MEETING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 26 TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION ARISING FROM THE MEASURES TAKEN BY ISRAELI AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE ANNEXATION OF THHE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF THE MESSAGE: "THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ISLAMIC CONGRESS, JIDDA. GREETINGS. ARAB STATES ARE FACING

ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS STAGES OF THEIR STRUGGLE FOR
LIBERATION OF THE OCCUPIED LAND AND RESTORATION OF THE
RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE AS A RESULT OF ISRAEL'S
PERSISTENT REFUSAL TO IMPLEMENT UN RESOLUTIONS, AND HENCE,
ITS REFUSAL TO PULL BACK FROM THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES AND
TO RECOGNIZE THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE.

THIS REJECTION HAS NOT STOPPED AT SPECIFIC LIMITS, BUT HAS
SURPASSED THIS IN A A SERIES OF MEASURES AND DECISIONS AIMED
AT ANNEXING THE WEST BANK, THE GAZA STRIP, AND JERSUALEM TO
THE ISRAELI ENTITY, AND ERECTING COLONIES ON THEM, AS WELL
AS IN THE GISKIC
DEW OF THE IMPACT OF THIS SITUATION ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE
AND SECURITY AND ON THE COMMUNITY OF ISLAMIC STATES,
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PARTICULARLY SINCE THE ARAB STATES ARE MEMBERS OF THIS
COMMUNITY AND NEED THE SUPPORT AND BACKING OF HE
BROTHERLY ISLAMIC STATES, WE WHISH THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTERS
OF ISLAMIC STATES BE INVIED O CONVENE AN EMERGENCY
MEETING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 26, 1977 TO DISCUSS
THE GRAVE SITUATION IN THIS AREA AND MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

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WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT BROTHERLY STATES WILL ADOPT ALL STEPS AND MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE ISLAMIC CONFERENCES, AND TO SUPPORT THE ARABS' JSUT STRUGGLE FOR THE LIBERATION OF THEIR TERRITORIES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. ABDUL-HALIM KHADDAM, DEPUY PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS."

" MR. KHADDAM HAS ALSO SENT A SIMILAR CABLE TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF SRI LANDKA, WHO IS THE CHAIMAN OF THE GROUP OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. FOLLOWING IS ITS TEXT: "GREETINGS. AT A TIME IN WHICH THE VISIONS OF THE WORLD ARE DIRECTED TOWARDS WORK FOR THE REALIZATION OF JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST, AND IN VIEW OF THE STRONG CONNECTION BETWEEN SECURITY IN THIS AREA AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY, AND OF THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON WORLD PEACE AT THIS TIME THAT COULD ARISE FROM THE CONTINUED RISK OF A FLAREUP IN THE SITUATION, ISREALI AUTHORITIES PERSIST IN THEIR AGGRESSIVE POLICY AGAINST THE ARAB STATES AND THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE, THEREBY DEFYING UN RESOLUTIONS AND THE WILL OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. THE LATEST MANIFESTATION OF THIS AGGRESSIVE POLICY WAS A SERIES

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OF DECISIONS AND MEASURES AIMED AT INCORPORATING THE WEST BANK AND GAZA TO THE ISRAELI ENTITY AND ANNOUNCING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NUMBER OF COLONIES (SETTLEMENTS) THERE, AS WELL AS IN THE GOLAN AND THE SINAI. IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THESE MEASURES AND OF THEIR IMPLICATIONS ON THE SITUATION IN THIS AREA, AND THEREBY ON INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND ON HE GROUP OF NON-ALIGNED STATES, PARTICULARLY SINCE THERE ARE FIVE STATES, MANELY, SYRIA, EGYPE, JORDAN, PALESTINE AND LEBANON, WHO ARE MEMBERS IN THIS GROUP, AND IN VEW OF THE IMPORTANCE OUR MOVEMENT HAS GIVEN TO THE SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PALESTINE, I THEREFORE WISH YOU TO INVITE THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES TO CONVENE AN EMERGENCY MEETING IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 27, 1977 TO DISCUSS THE SITUATION AND ITS GRAVITY, AND TO ENDORSE THE MEASURES TO BE ADOPTED TO PUT AN END TO ISRAELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB STATES. I AM CONFIDENT THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT AND FRIENDLY GOVERNMENTS OF OUR GROUP WILL OFFER US EVERY SUPPORT AND BACKING IN OUR STRUGGLE FOR SELF-DEFENSE, LIBERATION OF THE LAND, AND RESTORATION OF THE RIGHTS OF THE PEOPLE OF PALESTINE. PLEASE ACCEPT THE HIGHEST RESPECT. ABDUL HALIM-KHADDAM, FM."

"THE FOREIGN MINISTRY YESTERDAY HANDED CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ACCREDITED IN DAMASCUS WHO REPRESENT STATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP AND MEMBER STATES OF THE ISLAMIC CONGRESS A COPY OF KHADDAM'S LETTER TO THE SEC GEN OF THE ISLAMIC CONGRESS, AND A COPY OF THE MESSAGE SENT TO THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE GROUP OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES. SANA CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THESE TWO MEETINGS IS TO DEBATE THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARISING FROM THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AIMED AT INCORPORATING THE WEST BANK AND THE GAZA STRIP TO THE ISRAELI ENTITY,
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AND ALSO TO ENDORSE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO PUT AN END TO ISRELI AGGRESSION AGAINST THE ARAB STATES. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS ASKED THE HEADS OF MISSIONS TO INFORM THEIR GOVERNMENTS THEREOF."
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